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I much appreciated your letter of 26 April 1971. Your observations were most thoughtful, and I thank you very much indeed.

I thought you might like to have the full text of my remarks.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms

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Mr Richard Helms
Director CIA
Washington DC

Dear Sir:

I've recently read an article in The Natinal Observer dated 19 April 1971, on your speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington.

Let me start off by saying I applaud you for your well phrased words.

Not being exactly a stranger to security and secrecy, I fully understand the need for silence in most areas and most cases.

This article, "We Too, Are Honorable Men," should have been given more wide spread attention nationally. For you so well expressed the situation. A person would have to be blind not to be able to read and understand your words. It should have been on the front page instead of on page 3.

I'm a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force, and to quote you: "We Too, Are Honorable Men." I have 17½ years of continous service. And I might add, proud of it all.

When I retire at 20 years or possibly longer, I regret I'm not young enough to be hired by you and your organization, which I'd be proud to serve too.. For I too am a proud part of this democracy and will not hesitate to serve my Government in any way I can, in or out of the service.

Whether to old or to late, I wanted you to know that not every one throughs names in slander at the CIA. At least you will know one person can see and understand the needs of your activities and methods of accomplishment.

Your Servant,

Respectfully,

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